

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 16th November 2014

Cork Repeater Group

The Cork Repeater Group AGM will be held on Wednesday next at the SMA Hall in Wilton, Cork. The SMA Hall is adjacent to the Wilton Shopping center. The Group recently installed a new Tait 2 meter repeater at Mullaghinish mountain. The repeaters are there for everyones use and reports, comments and suggestions can be send to Jim EI8GS on [jimei8gs/at/gmail/dot/com](mailto:jimei8gs@gmail.com). Comments most welcome.

December is YOTA Month!

During the month of December many countries will be on the air with the YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) suffix. It is being used to encourage young people to get on the air with the help of licensed operators or indeed to use their own callsign to gain experience. Mentor operators from EI are encouraged to use the EI0YOTA callsign, with a young person to operate. All modes & bands will be used with lots of awards available to stations working the YOTA stations. QSL manager for the event is Brani OM2FY.

If you would like to book a slot to operate EI0YOTA, or need more details, please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB via email on [ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com](mailto:ei4gxb@gmail.com) or 087 2532512.

An Introduction to Worked All Ireland

The Worked All Ireland Award programme (WAI) was established to encourage Radio Amateurs to work 10Km x 10 Km Grid Squares in the Republic of Ireland (EI) and Northern Ireland (GI). It encompasses a combination of Grid Squares, Counties and Islands from EI/GI. There are also Awards for Book Numbers and Grid Square activation. There are over 1400 Grid Squares to chase, with Awards available for working as few as 175 grid squares, 15 counties and 1 Island rising to the Ultimate Award for which you need 1400 grid squares, together with 32 Counties and 25 Islands. Is it possible to achieve the Ultimate Award, you may ask. Well, both EI6HW and Tom EI9CJ have done so and Declan EI9HQ has activated over 1300 grid squares. A full introduction to WAI Rules and Awards may be found at

www.irts.ie/cgi/wai.cgi . More details to follow in the next edition of Echo Ireland.

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will host the 83rd IRTS Dinner AGM & Radio Rally in Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny on the 25th & 26th of April 2015. Tickets for the annual dinner which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG. Tickets are priced at €35 each. Please note that admission to the dinner is strictly by ticket only.

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday the 27th of November in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and all the members of SEARG would like to wish all the candidates sitting the exam the very best of luck. We look forward to hearing some new call signs on the air soon.

The November meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 24th of November at 8.00 p.m. New members and anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend. For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's activities you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter

DX News

John K9EL returns to the Caribbean island of St Martin from 20 November – 2 December. As before he will be active as FS/K9EL on all bands 160 – 6m. QSLs go via the home call.

A group of mainly Indian operators will be QRV from the Andaman Islands as VU4KV until 30 November. They hope to have 5 stations on the air on all bands 160 – 6m. Two of the operators have just finished a short trip to the Nicobar Islands where they were active as VU4CB.

Prefix hunters have the opportunity of a few new prefixes between now and the end of December when the callsigns 7V60R, 7V7V, 7W9A and 7Y9A will be on the air. These stations celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Algerian Revolution.

Two German operators are quite active as S79VR in the Seychelles. They will be there until 30 November and QSLs go to DD0VR.

Slow & Fast Morse Transmissions

Brendan EI0CZ continues to send morse transmissions on 2m every Monday evening after the news at 20:00 and again on Thursday at 20:00 The session begins with slow morse transmissions followed by fast morse for the more advanced. Listening to Brendan beats listening to one of the many self-tutorials on the net. The transmissions will continue into December.

Great credit is due to all Limerick Radio Club members who gave of their time and effort in maintaining a vibrant club while promoting the hobby.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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